GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BIO- DIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to make better use of the bio-diversity in the country to improve agricultural production particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the works undertaken in this direction so far; and

(d) the success achieved therefrom till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. However, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture has agreed during 2010 for a project on "Crop Diversification in Himachal Pradesh" with financial assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan. Under this project various interventions for scientific conservation and utilization of natural resources and enhancing crop production for better economic return in the districts having potential for crop diversification has been agreed for implementation with an outlay of Rs.321.00 crore as per break-up given below:-

Interventions	Amount (Rs in crore)
Institutional Development Programme	34.40
Farmers Support Programme	32.20
Infrastructure Development Programme	130.00
Administrative Cost and Others	124.40
Total	321.00

The Master Plan and District Plans for selected five districts as proposed by Government of Himachal Pradesh namely; Kangra, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Mandi and Una have been finalized for implementation of agreed interventions of the project.